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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Merkulov et al.

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Examiner: Y. Pak

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For: ISOLATED HUMAN LIPASE PROTEINS,  
NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES ENCODING  
HUMAN LIPASE PROTEINS, AND USES  
THEREOF

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to a restriction requirement from Examiner Pak mailed on March 7, 2003 in which a restriction requirement was issued for the above referenced application.

By way of response, Applicants hereby elect claim group I, claims 1-2 and 20-21, directed to polypeptides, for examination and have canceled claims corresponding to the non-elected groups II-X.

**In the Specification**

At page 1, after the Title of the Invention, please add the following:

**-- Related Applications**

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The present application is a divisional of U.S. Application No. 09/801,052, filed on March 29, 2001 and issued on April 9, 2002 as U.S. Patent No. 6,387,680. --

**In the Claims:**